

Vision 2020 Sustainable Arlington

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2017, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Arlington Town Hall Annex, 1st floor conference room

In Attendance: Brucie Moulton, Scott, DeAnne, Amos Meeks

7:30 - 7:40 - Introductions

7:40 - 7:45 - Minutes

7:45 – 8:25 - Vision 2020 Town Survey Discussion: Last year results and next year questions

- At least one set of questions about CCA.
- No direct questions about MVP, not ready to be rolled out.
- Juli would like questions by Dec. 1st, but can be changed up until Jan.
- MOF interested in working on questions. Their priority is continuing to work on opt-up. Current count is >300.
- Many options for questions listed out. We decided to focus on:
 - What factor would most encourage you to opt up? List out options, including already opted up, don't care, environment, lower cost, building local economy and jobs, etc.
 - How did you hear about CCA (Just now answer tells us how many people didn't know)? What worked or what didn't? How should the town communicate info like this in the future?
 - Considered asking about positive or negative feelings, or about rough monthly bill, but decided not to go with those, unclear info on what we would get exactly
 - For a final topic we may want to ask about the library of things (awareness, uses, thoughts for improvements). We should talk to the director of the library first.

8:25-8:35 – Vote in new co-chairs, approve last meeting notes

- Vote to have Brucie and Amos be future co-chairs.
- DeAnne Nominates Brucie and Amos, all in favor

- Charlotte and Brucie pass minutes from last meeting
- No quorum for two meetings ago, need to communicate to Amy

8:35 – 8:40 – Vote on Co-sponsoring MCAN/Toxics Action Center 2018 conference

- Have sponsored in the past, \$70, two tickets. We should also get a half page ad and ask Vision 2020 for money.
- We could advertise eco fest.
- Everyone is in favor

8:25 – 8:30 – State ethics training reminder

8:30 – 8:50 – January town environmental group get together discussion

- We could get vision 2020 money to provide dinner, attract more people that way. Foodlink can provide desserts and beverages.
- Charlotte is working with the planning dept to work on an invasive plant get together also in January
- This would be a post new years social, no SA social event in December
- Charlotte proposes possibly having SA join with the other Vision 2020 environmental committees to make one committee again. Could be a future agenda and something to discuss at this event. There are some other great groups like Mothers Out Front. Vision 2020 is talking about this idea also. The combined group can still have subcommittees and working groups.
- Week of the 22nd, look for opening of the library common room. Possibly could look into the Fox also?

8:50 – 9:00 - New business

- Neighborhood solar debrief: They set a goal of 200 kW, reached 265. Significant participation also from Belmont, Watertown, and Cambridge. There were 7 contracts in Arlington. Brucie can get more numbers if needed.
- SRECs are coming to the end and we now have less incentive. Asked what to work on next and they suggested PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Financing. Currently exists for commercial. More info here:
<https://usgbcma.org/c-pace-commercial-property-assessed-clean-energy-financing>